

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 1, 2, 9-13 and 20-22 are currently being canceled.

Claims 3-8, 14-19, 23 and 24 are currently being amended.

No claims are currently being added.

This amendment and reply amends and cancels claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After canceling and amending the claims as set forth above, claims 3-8, 14-19, 23 and 24 are now pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter made in the Office Action with respect to claims 3-8, 14-19, 23 and 24. By way of this amendment and reply, claims 3-8, 14-19, 23 and 24 have each been amended to include the features of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Thus, claims 3-8, 14-19, 23 and 24 are now in allowable form in accordance with the indications made in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – Prior Art:

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,415,153 to King et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,615,382 to Kang et al.; claims 9 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over King et al. in view Kang et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,510,147 to Sun et al.; claims 10 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over King et al. in view Kang et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0086478 to Lee et al.; and claims 11 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over King et al. in view Kang et al. and further in view

of U.S. Patent No. 6,377,782 to Bishop et al. Due to the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 9-13 and 20-22, these rejections are now moot.

Conclusion:

Accordingly, since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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